

DESIS RADICAL SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

The DESIS Radical sustainability award honours student projects that best demonstrate how design can “activate, sustain, and orient processes of social change toward sustainability” (Jégou & Manzini 2008). The award was established in 2019 by the Emily Carr DESIS Lab. The award is \$500.

Student Eligibility

- Applicants must be fourth-year Bachelor of Design student (or students) enrolled in a minimum of 9 credits.
- The project submitted will be exhibited in the Virtual Exhibition.

Criteria

- The design encourages shift in collective/social behaviour to significantly reduce consumption and/or extraction. Social change is the key element in the design: material change does not qualify.

AND/OR

- The design creates new convivial and socially equitable relationships between humans and the natural world, including other than humans. This new relationship is attuned to the service of nature, rather than nature serving humans.

AND/OR

- The design opens up a new dialogue among community/communities about sustainability

AND/OR

- The design challenges the North American culture of convenience (and the resulting unintended consequences created by disposability, car culture, air travel, single-family dwellings etc.)

AND/OR

- The design challenges capitalism and supports post-growth alternatives.

Referring to specific work(s) or projects, the successful applicant(s) will also:

- *Include a short statement (250-500 words) describing how they define social innovation within the context of the project, and how this project contributes to ecological sustainability.*

Format

Submissions must be PDF documents of no more than 4 pages. Your submission must include images and the 250-500 word statement described in the criteria above. Submissions must be made to advancement@ecuad.ca.

Selection

The award recipient or recipients will be selected by an internal jury based on applications submitted by individual students or a team of students.

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DESI RADICAL SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AWARD – APPLICATION

Note: If this is a team project, please indicate the team leader on the form and include team member information under the project description.

Name: _____ Student #: _____
Major: _____ Year: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Project Name: _____

- ☐ If I am the successful applicant, I agree to have my name/project info released to the donor.
- ☐ If I am the successful applicant, I agree to have my name/project published on the Emily Carr website.

Forward your application to advancement@ecuad.ca by April 28th, 2025 11:59pm. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered. Contact advancement@ecuad.ca if you have any questions.